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~Seals~

(Ode to Henry Abbey)

After agates
I came upon
Dead seals.
On one
A turkey vulture
Pierced
A drinking hole
For gulls
And crows
Their thirsty chiseling
Too
Turning inside
Out
A bloody body drain
Suckling life.

No lingering
Terror
That brought the seals
To the cliffs
And broke them
Remained
Except
In my imagination:

In the dark
Alone
In a raging wave
Mother and calf
Launched
To their sunning beach
Dark eyes peeled
Skinning and stench begun.

Mother,
Yon-there,
Rib-caged-cathedral
Open to a grey
Unsentimental sky
Stone steps from her skin
Feeding crabs.

For their mourning
I crossed and vexed:

When is beast
And after
Sand
Then shore-mortar
For the ages.

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